

# The Grace Institute Zambia

## June 2023 Ministry Report

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### Introduction

In June 2023, the team at TGI sorted through a number of items pertaining to July 2023 intake. It was a busy month of preparations and recruitment. Below are some notable highlights.

### Wins

#### July Orientation

We hosted the July Intake orientation on June 24th, 2023. This was held at the Ng'ombe outlet, two weeks before the first day of class. The early orientation was to enable prospective students to put their funds in place for registration before the start of the first day of class. This was in light of late payments experienced in past intakes.

We were honored to have our board member, Stephen M'doma, and His Royal Highness, Chief Nyamphande (Gerry Lintini) in attendance. Their presence in the meeting was a huge encouragement to the team. Even though attendance was less than anticipated, the event went on as scheduled.

Below are some pictures taken during orientation.

The first picture was taken as Stephen spoke to the students about the importance of bible training and why it cannot be downplayed in the church. He congratulated current students on their decision to be trained and encouraged prospective students to take the leap.

Similarly, Gerry spoke to the audience about how he was eager for the gospel of God's grace and truth to shape how communities run their affairs. He said he looked forward to a time that people would run to the church for help instead of consulting witchdoctors.

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## TGIZ Marketing

The month of June was focussed on marketing and advertising of programs available at the Institute. This included two weeks of radio adverts, community campaigns, and Facebook advertising. The approach has led to several inquiries from Lusaka and beyond. We see it as the start for a more aggressive marketing approach, which will eventually lead to awareness of the ministry and consequently recruitments. It has become growingly apparent to us that for growth to take place, we need a more hands-on approach in building the image and awareness of who we are and what we offer. Word of mouth has had some impact, but advertising on bigger platforms will bear much needed fruit eventually. Below is a photo of some of the wall stickers and fliers used for door-to-door outreach.



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This photo below was taken on one of two radio interviews that Choolwe took at One Love Radio, a local Christian radio station in Lusaka. In the second interview, James, a second year student and Kasenge, a partner from Kabanana joined in the 30 minute interview.



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## EFZ Annual General Meeting

The Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia held its annual General Assembly at the Bread of Life Church in Lusaka. Through this meeting, many conversations were had on what benefits the EFZ brings to its members. This meeting was necessary for TGI, as a member of EFZ, to attend and connect with other member churches and ministries. Through this meeting, there was networking with other pastors and church leaders. The AGM was attended by Mr Laston.



## Re-Forma Meeting

Paul, Associate Project Director of Re-Forma in South Africa, and Choolwe had a lengthy familiarization phone meeting on June 8th. This meeting was meant to help Choolwe have a better understanding of what Re-Forma is all about and what is required for TGIZ students to adequately qualify for their certificate. The conversation was meaningful and laid a solid foundation ahead of the Re-Forma teacher training program scheduled for August, in Lusaka. Their mission and vision ties into what TGIZ is aiming to achieve - bible training for unreached pastors. They ask the questions; What does a pastor have to know, what do they have to do in order to be competent? Paul emphasized on the fact that Re-Forma is not a bible school but just sets the standard for basic bible training.

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## Mtendere East, Kanyama and George Outreaches

The TGI office staff, partners and students undertook an outreach program in Mtendere East and George compounds of Lusaka. This was a few hours of door-to-door advertising of the institute, meant to raise awareness of what the institute is all about. From this outreach, a number of people showed interest in studying with TGIZ for either July or January 2024. The first photo was taken at Mtendere East Satellite after an outreach.





The photo above was taken by the team after an outreach in George compound.

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## Challenges

### Decentralized Model not Effective

We have been faced with the harsh reality of the challenges arising from a decentralized model. Challenges observed are around the groups being too small to encourage the enthusiasm of being a classroom. It has also proven to be harder and costly to run administrative tasks with schools being so small and far apart. Additionally, some students feel discouraged because of some of the locations not being fancy enough for their liking. Having observed all this, we intend to bring all students back to one location for every first week of each book. This will help bring encouragement to the student body to recognise their belonging to a bigger group. We will review the response and figure the way forward based on what the response to the changes will be.

### Quality of Partners

In addition to the model being ineffective in its current state, the quality of our partners is of high concern. With partnership being a model meant to help our graduates make a living, we have enrolled some partners who are underqualified to teach because of limited knowledge of scripture and lack of confidence in their task. In some cases, we have observed very little teaching skill or understanding of the various subjects covered. This has become apparent in some cases and has led us to engage more competent teachers to take a few weeks of each course. However, this will be costly moving forward.

## Prayer Items

1. Pray that we figure out the next move that will benefit the students, who are the main reason we exist as an institution.
2. Pray that as we plan our fundraiser, people will have an open heart towards what we do and the ministry we have embarked on
3. Pray that we find seasoned teachers who will add value to the teaching of students at TGI